

Jessica. The Jensens now have lots of beautiful grandchildren.

In 1983, First National Bank's President Bill Losner asked Bob to join the bank. Bill Losner knew Bob Jensen well. He picked out a career that perfectly suited Bob and that helped First National Bank excel in Community Outreach and Marketing.

As Vice President, Bob Jensen invested the bank's resources and began investing all his time to touch and nurture groups, organizations, and projects throughout Miami-Dade County. Everyone has told us, out of all of his volunteer and community work, Bob is proudest of his efforts to create better farm workforce housing.

Bob is also the former Chair and Commissioner with Homestead Housing and has served on the board for Centro Campesino. This outfit trains farm workers for better jobs, mostly in construction, and helps enable farm workers to build and purchase their own homes. These are wonderful legacies for Bob, his fellow board members, and those farm workers who have achieved the American dream of home ownership.

Did I mention Bob and Meda's work with the Pioneer Museum? Well, almost every Saturday of the year the Jensens and their trained docents give historical tours about our area at a restored railroad station house on Krome Avenue. He has also collected hundreds of historical photographs, on display at local shops, hotels, and other businesses in the Homestead area.

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Bob is also a member of the Agri-Council, which educates south Floridians and visitors on the history of the agricultural sector of south Florida. Bob serves on the Military Affairs Committee of the Homestead and Florida City Chamber of Commerce, helping our active duty, reserve, and retired military personnel. And just 5 years ago, Bob created the Heritage Hall Museum at Homestead Air Reserve Base to record its history. He's called "Mr. Homestead," a term of affection from a grateful community.

Indeed, Bob Jensen is a man about town. He's helping save the meal program that provides breakfast and lunch to the vast majority of school children at Laura Saunders Elementary.

He's received numerous awards and honors: Leadership South Dade's Leader of the Year; Presidential Award from the Homestead Chamber; honors from the Boy Scouts of America, the Mexican American Council, the American Red Cross, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation.

Bob Jensen is a historian, a volunteer, a mentor, a leader, and a friend to all whom he touches. God has blessed our Nation and our community with a great man, Bob Jensen.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS). Under a previous order of

the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HEALTH CARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, our House bill, 3962, will make health care affordable for middle class families, provide security for seniors, and guaranteed access to health insurance coverage for the uninsured.

I'd like to go through these charts to let the viewing audience, Americans, and particularly Californians, know what will be provided by the Affordable Health Care for America Act. And this is a blend of three different bills that came out of various committees in front of the public, voted out by the committee, amended, and now combined in one bill.

Our first interest is making health care affordable for the middle class

families. We want to guarantee security for our seniors. We want responsibility to our children, and it will not add a dime to the deficit.

The health insurance reform means ending discrimination for people who have preexisting medical conditions. You can never be denied coverage because you have a preexisting condition. No dropped coverage if you become sick. You know, so many people get into the health care system when they're acutely ill, and that means they cannot go to work. Then they find that they're having trouble paying their house note, paying their car note, even buying food. And we want them to know that there will be no dropped coverage if you become ill or you lose your job. No copays for preventative care. And we want Americans to go see their health care provider as often as they need to so they can stay healthy. We want to prevent conditions that require medical care. But if you should fall ill, you can be covered for your medical treatment.

Yearly caps on what you pay and no caps on what insurance companies pay. Reining in health costs for families is one of our major targets, reining in health care costs for businesses and for government.

You know, people talk about not wanting government in between their doctor and themselves. Well, just think about that statement. What is Medicare and Medicaid? What is Social Security? These are government programs. We call them the safety net so you will not fall through the cracks and into devastation. We want fiscal responsibility and we want to reduce the deficit. We want to eliminate from health care waste, fraud, and overpayments to private insurance companies. Why should health care of Americans be for profit? Health care ought to be guaranteed to every American. There's major emphasis on innovation, on keeping people well, and prevention.

Now, misinformation is out there galore. You need to understand this: If you have insurance, you like your insurance, you keep it. And if you have a doctor, you can keep that doctor. Certainly you can keep that plan. And, remember, this bill came about because there were 38 million people in America that were uncovered, and every American should have health coverage.

We want to emphasize for seniors we strengthen Medicare and we improve the benefits. There is one Member that is telling everyone that we're going to take away the benefits from our seniors. That is so untrue. We want to improve benefits, including closing the doughnut hole, and we will get into that a little later.

If you don't have or you lose your insurance, a new health insurance exchange. It's more like a one-stop-shopping marketplace, and it includes a public option. Now, what does "option" mean? It means a decision. It means a choice. It means you have the right to make your own choice. And a public